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Michael D. Snyder  
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**Re: Docket No. AB-439 (Sub-No. 6X)  
Dallas Area Rapid Transit – Abandonment Exemption –  
In Collin County, Texas**

**Docket No. AB-585 (Sub-No. 1X)  
Dallas, Garland and Northeastern Railroad Company –  
Discontinuance Exemption – In Collin County, Texas**

Dear Mr. Snyder:

Dallas Area Rapid Transit ("DART") expects shortly to file with the Surface Transportation Board a notice of exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 to abandon its line of railroad between approximately milepost 281.65 near Plano, TX and approximately milepost 290.5 near Allen, TX ("the Subject Line"). The total distance of the Subject Line is approximately 8.85 miles, all in Collin County, Texas. Simultaneously, Dallas, Garland and Northeastern Railroad Company ("DGNO") will file for discontinuance of its freight operating rights on the Subject Line. There has been no freight rail service of any kind on the Subject Line for more than two (2) years.

Enclosed is an Environmental/Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historic effects. A map of the area of abandonment is included. We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of this action. If any of the information is incomplete or inaccurate, or if you have any questions about the Board's environmental review process, please contact the Surface Transportation Board, Section of Environmental Analysis, 1925 K Street, N.W., Room 500, Washington D.C. 20423, telephone number 202-565-1530, and refer to Docket Number AB-439 (Sub-No. 6X). Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental and historic preservation impacts of the proposed abandonment.

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No parks affected



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Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to the Section of Environmental Analysis, with a copy to the undersigned, would be appreciated within three (3) weeks. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 202-778-9456.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward J. Fishman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Edward J. Fishman  
Counsel for DART

Enclosure



The National Park Service reviewed this project, and determined that no parks will be affected; therefore, we have no comments.

Signed: Gregory E. Eckhardt Date: 12/29/05